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THREE BANKS ARE CLOSED IN SEATTLE

Special Cable to Sentinel

SEATTLE, Thursday Afternoon --- The Seattle Clearing House this morning gave flat notice that it would stand behind every bank in Seattle with the result that there is no longer a run, save only on the Scandinavian American which is regarded as absolutely sound.

Special Cablegram to The Sentinel.
SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—The German American bank failed to open this morning. It had a run on all yesterday.

Special Cablegram to The Sentinel.
SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—The Fremont State bank, Remberg & Dixon proprietors, closed today.

SEATTLE, Jan. 30.—The Northern Bank and Trust Company, with deposits of over a million and a half dollars, was ordered closed this morning by the state examiner who has been investigating the run on the institution the last few days.

The run on the bank is said to be due to the fact that the President and other stockholders were largely interested in the Broadway State Bank which closed its doors a short time ago. From those who claim to be informed of the condition of the bank, it is learned, that it can meet with all its obligations in due time.

Special Cablegram to The Sentinel.
SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—There is a run on all the banks in Seattle this morning save three, the run being most persistent on the savings institutions.

Special Cablegram to The Sentinel.
SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—The clearing house this morning gave public notice that all solvent banks, whether members or not, will be assisted during the financial disturbance.

BANKS ARE SOUND

SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—Persistent runs kept up until closing time this afternoon on the Peoples Savings Bank and the Scandinavian-American bank. At the latter bank the line of those wishing to withdraw extended from the paying teller's window into Second avenue and down to James street. The majority of those in line are foreigners. Both institutions are regarded as absolutely sound. There have been no runs on the Seattle National, Union Savings & Trust and Bank of California, and very slight runs on the Bank of Commerce and the Dexter-Horton bank.

PLenty of Money in Sight.
SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—J. W. Maxwell received the following telegram from Chairman Perrin of the Federal Reserve Bank: "San Francisco stands ready to act instantly in supplying money in exchange for commercial, industrial or agriculture paper to members of the banks of Seattle if they should desire it. Besides \$20,000,000 in gold we have \$20,000,000 of Federal Reserve notes in San Francisco and \$27,000,000 additional available for immediate shipment from Washington, D.C., to the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco."

WRANGELL STEAMER FOR STIKINE RIVER

Joe Baronovich arrived on the Jefferson Monday night from an extended business visit to Seattle. Mr. Baronovich states that he brought with him machinery and oil tanks for installing oil burners on his steamer Nahlin which will operate on the Stikine river as soon as navigation opens. By using crude oil as fuel it will be possible to get at least 35 per cent efficiency over wood. As soon as weather permits Mr. Baronovich will put a force of men to work on the Nahlin, which is to be remodeled and also receive a thorough overhauling.

SENATE PASSES BILL MAKING ALASKA DRY

Special Cablegram to The Sentinel.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The Senate today passed the Jones bill to make Alaska a prohibition territory. The bill would prohibit the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in the territory, and also the transportation thereto. The bill has not yet passed the House.

Peace Leak Disclosure

Special Cablegram to The Sentinel.
NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Congressional inquisitors have brought out the information that a telegram was sent by F. A. Connally & Co., a Washington firm in which C. R. W. Balling is a partner, giving the substance of the peace note ten hours before its publication.

Attempt on Life King Alfonso

MADRID, Jan. 29.—An attempt was made yesterday to wreck a train on which King Alfonso was a passenger. The attempt was frustrated by mere accident.

Deutschland May Be Lost

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The German submarine merchantman Deutschland which was expected about the 18th, has thus far failed to make its appearance and grave fear is entertained for its safety. She left Bremen on the second of January. Many believe that she was either captured or lost at sea.

Petition for Road to Groundhog Basin

The following petition is being circulated in Wrangell this week:

"We, the undersigned, residents of Wrangell and vicinity, respectfully petition the government of the United States to build a wagon road commencing at the mouth of Mill Creek, about eight miles from Wrangell, to run thence three-quarters of a mile, more or less, to Mill Lake; thence eight miles to Groundhog Basin, in order to open up that section to miners and prospectors and in order to enable those of us who have important mineral claims in Groundhog Basin to get supplies in to our properties on a large enough scale and at a reasonable enough expense to permit of adequate development."

"We further respectfully petition that an appropriation be made for this purpose this year from the funds of the Alaska Road Commission or from such other public funds as are available for the building of roads and trails in this section."

The foregoing petition is one which should receive the prompt attention of the Alaska Road Commission. Every year the government receives a large amount of money from the Wrangell district, and we are surely entitled to a little help in the matter of road building which is so greatly needed.

Germany Gives Notice of Unrestricted Warfare on Seas

Special Cablegram to The Sentinel.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Ambassador Bernstorff this afternoon handed Secretary of State Lansing a note in which Germany serves notice on the United States that because of the Kaiser's failure to open peace negotiations with the Allies he would open an unrestricted warfare on the seas. Germany says that the Imperial government therefore is forced to do away with all restrictions which until now has been impressed upon the use of its fighting means on the seas.

Appropriation Bill Passes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Last evening the house passed the appropriation bill carrying fifty-one millions for the coast defense. It is the largest appropriation ever made for coast defense.

Troop Ordered Home

SEATTLE, Jan. 30.—Troop B, the remainder of the Washington National Guard on the Mexican border, was ordered home this morning.

J. G. HEID DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO

Was Pioneer Lawyer and Honored Citizen of Juneau.
Member Legislature

John G. Heid is dead. He breathed his last yesterday morning at the hour of six o'clock. He had been sick but a few hours prior to his demise.

Neither the widow nor daughters will attend the funeral ceremonies, which will be conducted in San Francisco under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity.

John G. Heid, whose familiar face we will never see again, was born in the town of Wapakoneta, Ohio, on the fourteenth day of December, 1852. For a period in excess of thirty years he had been domiciled in Alaska, most of the time in this city and actively engaged in the practice of the law. He was the oldest practitioner in point of years in that profession in Alaska.

John G. Heid was married to Miss Henrietta Jensen, who had been a government teacher in Juneau in July, 1888. Besides the widow there survive three grown daughters, Mrs. V. N. Dupuy, and the Misses Gertrude and Elizabeth all of whom now reside in the city.

At the time of his death he was in San Francisco to argue on behalf of the members of the Territorial legislature of Alaska the case involving the distribution of the forest funds. He left Juneau for this purpose early this month with the intention of returning to Alaska about two weeks before the next legislature meets to which he had been elected a member of the lower house from the First Division, by the largest plurality received by any candidate. He also served as a member of the previous legislature.

The deceased was a capable lawyer, especially on the subject of mining laws and enjoyed a lucrative practice. He was also a member of the Pioneers of Alaska, the Masonic fraternity and a charter member of the order of Elks.

Juneau Dispatch.

French Are Repulsed

Special Cablegram to The Sentinel.
BERLIN, Jan. 31.—Four night attacks of the French on the German lines at Hill No. 304 have been repulsed.

CHILDREN BRUTALLY MURDERED

AUBURN, WASH., Jan. 31.—With their skulls fractured by blows from a blunt instrument, the bodies of four children of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hewitt, residents of the city were taken from their burning home. The children's names were; Stewart E., Arthur B., Myrtle and Clarence; 10, 8, 6 and 5 years of age respectively.

It was learned that the mother of the children left home last Monday, taking with her the youngest child, a 3 year old boy. Later the husband and father was arrested and is being held pending an investigation.

Hewitt is emphatic in protesting his innocence, and says that he can prove an alibi. His wife, however, who was sent for immediately after the discovery was made, is equally emphatic in asserting that her husband is guilty of the crime. Due to lack of evidence, the inquest over the remains of the little ones were postponed indefinitely. The lives of the Hewitt children had been insured early in April last year, and it is said that the insurance company has agents working on the case.

Prosecuting Attorney Lundin made a statement to the effect that he would charge Hewitt with the murder of the children. Hewitt had been employed as a brakeman in the Northern Pacific railway.

BRITISH MAKE THE TURKS RUN FOR THEIR LIVES

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The war office states that the British forces have captured the first and second lines of defense from the Turks southwest of Kut El Amara on the right bank of the Tigris river a front of some 400 yards. In addition the British captured the third and fourth lines for at least 600 yards leaving the Turks in a demoralized state running for cover.

The statement says further that another attack will be prosecuted again today, the result of which is expected a clean victory.

Boosting Alaska in the East

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—Representative Humphrey, of the State of Washington was banqueted last Saturday evening and in his speech in answering to a toast in his honor, said that he was proud to be able to advise those who were longing for the close of the war that they may be given a chance to spend their money travelling over Europe, to turn their steps towards Alaska whose beauty surpasses that of any foreign lands. The congressman was repeatedly applauded, especially at the mention of Alaska, which is being widely advertised.

FINED FOR GIVING LIQUOR TO INDIANS

On complaint filed by Earl West, Rafael Diaz was arrested last week on a charge of giving liquor to Indians. When arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Weber the defendant pleaded not guilty. He was given a jury trial and convicted. The court fined the defendant \$400 and costs. In default of payment of fine Diaz was committed to jail for 200 days.

BRITISH WAR VESSELS LOOKING FOR RAIDERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—An unusually big squadron of British war vessels is being formed into a huge net with which to comb the seas and trap the two German raiders which have been reported as having abandoned their South African field of action for the steamship lanes north. The big squadron will proceed to cover several hundred miles of water. Among the big vessels there are several torpedo destroyers as well as aeroplanes.

The British Admiralty is reported to have determined on the step and will endeavor to rid the water of all German ships.

BELGIANS DEPORTED

Special Cablegram to The Sentinel.
THE HAGUE, Jan. 31.—A thousand Belgians connected with the work of the Belgian Relief Committee have been deported to Germany, over the strong protest of the committee.

French Transport Torpedoed

Special Cablegram to The Sentinel.
PARIS, Jan. 31.—One hundred and forty perished by the torpedoing of the French transport Amiral Magon on January 25 in the Mediterranean sea. Eight hundred were rescued.

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No Fighting on Russian Front

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BERLIN, Jan. 31.—There is virtually no fighting on the Russian front from the Baltic to the Black sea on account of the severity of the weather.

Freighters Christened

Special Cablegram to The Sentinel.
SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—The Alaska Steamship company has christened freighters, "Eureka," "Ketchikan," "Stanley Dollar," "Skagway."

Spokane on the Way

Special Cablegram to The Sentinel.
SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—The Spokane sailed north last night. The Wrangell passengers are W. H. Warren, K. J. Johansen, Mrs. A. Rodahl, Mrs. Belle Swift.

Fined for Vagrancy

Last week Pedro Rodriguez was brought before U. S. Commissioner C. E. Weber on a vagrancy charge filed by H. J. Wallace. Rodriguez was fined \$250, and in default of payment of fine was committed to jail for 125 days.

FISHERMEN AND EMPLOYERS COME TO AN AGREEMENT

SEATTLE.—The Seattle halibut fishermen's dispute over wages with employers has been settled. The fishermen agree to a wage scale of two cents a pound spring, summer and autumn. During December, January and February the fishermen are to receive a bonus of two percent of the price of fresh fish.

The fishermen are to buy clothing and the employers to furnish food. The employers claim the fisherman will average \$2,000 a year on the new wage scale.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cole arrived from Klakwak on the Uncle Dan yesterday. They left on the Jefferson today for a visit to Seattle.

WRANGELL PEOPLE VISIT PETERSBURG

The Wrangell Basketball team went to Petersburg Saturday. More than 50 friends of the basketball boys went along for the purpose of "rooting" and having a general good time.

The Wrangellites were transported by a gasboat fleet composed of the Diamond C, the Grace, the Standard, and the Cedric. The weather was cold, the sea was stormy, and some of those who made the voyage gained a little navigation experience which they were not seeking.

The tour Wrangell boats arrived in Petersburg Saturday afternoon. Each boat was met by Petersburg friends who gave the visitors a most cordial welcome.

The game was called at 9 p.m. in the Sons of Norway hall. The game resulted in a score of 16 to 50 in favor of Wrangell. The Petersburg boys played with enthusiasm, but it was evident that they had not had the necessary practice. The Petersburg boys were cheerful losers. In fact the game seemed like a side issue to them when compared with their efforts to show the visitors a good time.

Following the basketball game there was a grand ball in the Sons of Norway hall. At 12 o'clock supper was announced. The supper took place on the upper floor of the hall, the Wrangell people being invited upstairs for the first sitting. Following the supper dancing was resumed and kept up until after three o'clock.

About 15 members of the party returned on the City of Seattle which left Petersburg Sunday morning.

The gas-boats left Petersburg Sunday morning also, but did not reach Wrangell until Monday morning.

The only thing that marred the pleasure of the trip was the rough weather going and coming. The reporter was told of various incidents ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous.

When the Wrangellites try to tell how royally they were treated by the Petersburg people they find that their supply of adjectives is wholly inadequate. The Wrangell people were given the run of the town, and everyone was made to feel so much at home that it seemed like an old time family reunion.

Generally speaking, the money of the Wrangell people was counterfeit during their stay in Petersburg.

The Petersburg team is coming to Wrangell Saturday to play a return game. A number of friends of the players will accompany them. In this connection we should ask this question: "Are we going to let Petersburg outdo us in the matter of entertaining our guests?" It will require effort to do as much for the Petersburg visitors as they did for us, but they deserve it. Let us all be on the job and see to it that our Petersburg friends enjoy every minute of their stay in Wrangell.

LATER—Just as we go to press Elmer F. Carlstrom, manager of the Wrangell Basketball Team informs us that unless the weather moderates by tomorrow he will cable the manager of the Petersburg team cancelling the game that is scheduled to take place here Saturday evening.

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**Preparedness For
Defense Must Include
Enfranchisement
of Women**By Mrs. CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT,
Noted Suffragist Leader

SINCE we live in barbaric times, such forms of preparedness as barbarians can understand are undoubtedly necessary, but if we make this kind of preparation only we shall fail. There are two other preparations which must be made if America is to establish the kind of defense which will defend.

ONE WILL PLACE THE BALLOT IN THE HANDS OF WOMEN AND THUS MAKE THEM RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS.



C. C. CATT.

In the public schools, the Sunday schools and the settlements women will undertake with a new understanding and a new zeal the task of the "melting pot." They and they alone can train in the souls of the young of our country the kind of patriotism and honor that will guard our nation in time of peril.

The other line of safety lies in a bold, well defined, courageous campaign for world peace, led by our own nation, while yet there is time. Let us have all the equipment of war, if need be, to show that as a nation we are unafeared, but the preparedness which is measured by the standards of militarism is that of yesterday.

THE PREPAREDNESS OF TOMORROW RECOGNIZES THAT THE OLD WAY WILL NOT DEFEND OUR LAND AGAINST THE DISASTER OF WAR.

**Society Suffers Most From
Noneducation of
Children**By J. H. O'ERIEN, National Bureau
of Education

THE further we delve into the question of rural school attendance in its relation to the length of rural school term the more evident it becomes that we need an aroused public opinion for a better rural school attendance and a more rigid and effective enforcement of compulsory attendance laws to make sure of this better attendance. NOT ALONE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE CHILDREN THEMSELVES, BUT AS A MATTER OF SIMPLE JUSTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS.

It is unjust to tax A to pay for teaching B's children when the authority that levies and collects the tax from A allows B to keep his children out of school.

Furthermore, it is a crime against B's children to let him keep them out of school. Whether poor attendance of pupils comes from indifference of parents, a sleeping public opinion or a lax enforcement of compulsory attendance laws—or from all of these things—THE PENALTY FALLS HARDEST AND MOST DIRECTLY UPON THE CHILDREN IN THEIR LOST OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EDUCATION, THOUGH SOCIETY MUST PAY A HEAVY TOLL IN THE END FOR ITS OWN SHORTCOMINGS.

**Sanitary Control of
Infantile Paralysis Patients
Best Method
of Public Protection**

By Dr. SIMON FLEXNER, Director of Laboratories, Rockefeller Institute For Medical Research

PROTECTION to the public against infantile paralysis can be best secured through the discovery and isolation of those ill of the disease and the sanitary control of those persons who have associated with the sick and whose business calls them away from home. BOTH THESE CONDITIONS CAN BE SECURED WITHOUT TOO GREAT INTERFERENCE WITH THE COMFORTS AND THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS.

What has been said of the small incidence of cases of the disease among the hospital personnel and those with whom they come into contact indicates the extent to which personal care of the body by adults and responsible people can diminish the menace which those accidentally or unavoidably in contact with the ill are to the community. Care exercised not to scatter the secretions of the nose and throat by spitting, coughing and sneezing, the free use of clean handkerchiefs, cleanliness in habits affecting especially the hands and face, changes of clothes, etc., should all serve to diminish this danger.

IN THE END, THE EARLY DETECTION AND ISOLATION OF THE CASES OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS IN ALL OF ITS FORMS, WITH THE ATTENDANT CONTROL OF THE HOUSEHOLDS FROM WHICH THEY COME, WILL HAVE TO BE RELIED UPON AS THE CHIEF MEASURE OF STAYING THE PROGRESS OF THE EPIDEMIC.

The degree of susceptibility of children and other members of the community to infantile paralysis is relatively small and is definitely lower than to such communicable diseases as measles, scarlet fever and diphtheria. This fact in itself constitutes a measure of control, and, while it does not justify the abatement of any practicable means which may be employed to limit and suppress the epidemic, it should tend to prevent a state of overanxiety and panic from taking hold of the community.

Drug Habit Threatens the Very Foundations of Our Social System

By EDWIN H. VARE, Pennsylvania State Senator

I HAVE studied and investigated the subject of the use of drugs. If parents knew what I know of the danger which threatens their families they would be appalled. I know of no danger to society as great as this one.

I know of no more important subject than the control of the sale of cocaine, heroin and other drugs which are now easily procurable.

IN MY MIND THE DRUG HABIT DRIVES MORE OF OUR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO DISGRACE AND DESTRUCTION THAN ALL OTHER BAD HABITS COMBINED.

The drug habit, with all its ramifications of evil, is one of the most serious conditions which confronts our social life today. Of late the pernicious effects of drugs have permeated EVERY STRATA OF SOCIETY, AND AMONG THE APPARENTLY WELL TO DO CLASSES WE FIND A SURPRISINGLY INCREASED NUMBER OF ADDICTS.

The federal law with its restrictions under the constitution has fallen short of successfully eradicating this evil, and it is of extreme importance that a strong, effective law regulating the dispensation and possession of cocaine, heroin and other similar drugs be placed upon our statute books at once.

University Spirit Jeopardized by Democracy and Autocracy

By Professor EDWIN R. A. SELIGMAN, Columbia University

AMONG the various things from which the university emancipates men the first is emancipation from the thralls of nature. Intellectual freedom means liberation from superstition and all the primitive manifestations of mental enslavement. The university achieves the mastery of mind over matter, of man over nature. Next is mastery over oneself. To achieve this victory we need to strike off the fetters of prejudice, the bonds of convention and, above all, the shackles of sentiment. THE UNIVERSITY, THROUGH THE LIBERATION OF THE INTELLECT, IS HUMANIZING MANKIND.

The promotion of intellectual freedom connotes research; the imparting of intellectual freedom implies teaching. There can be no true university without both.

Strange as it may seem, the university spirit is jeopardized by democracy no less than by autocracy, for democracy levels down as well as up and is proverbially intolerant of the expert. The overwhelming and concentrated public opinion is at once the chief safeguard of the democracy and the chief menace to the real liberty of the individual. In the autocracy all are subject to the tyranny of the ruler; in the democracy all are likely to be subject to the tyranny of public opinion.

THE TRUE UNIVERSITY MUST AFFORD AN INVIOABLE REFUGE FROM EACH.

Trade Co-operation Essential to Enlargement of Foreign Commerce

By ROBERT H. PATCHIN, Secretary of the National Foreign Trade Council

QUITELY a number of companies of moderate size are doing a successful foreign business through the valuable agency of export houses, or directly, or by a combination of the two methods. But it is nationally necessary that this number be increased in order that all the labor and capital in entire industries should gain a FOREIGN OUTLET FOR THEIR PRODUCT AND THUS BE PARTIALLY SAFEGUARDED AGAINST OCCASIONAL PERIODS OF DOMESTIC DEPRESSION.

To do this co-operation is necessary, but is now denied by existing doubt as to the legality under our anti-trust laws of such forms of co-operative organization as foreign rivals are not only permitted, but encouraged, to employ against American exporters. The situation is European co-operation versus American compelled competition.

The Webb bill, passed by the house, but pending in the senate, is designed in principle to remedy this inequality and to permit exporters to co-operate solely for foreign trade with adequate safeguards against restraint of domestic commerce.

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No; the Sprats did not grow in the soil of the colonies. Of this comforting fact there is the best evidence. Long before the pilgrim fathers landed on Plymouth rock a great English dignitary had been made the victim of ridicule in bad rhyme. The verse, which began with the words, "Archdeacon Pratt could eat no fat, his wife could eat no lean," was included in a collection of ancient proverbs and folk songs that was published by James Howell, the famous London lexicographer, in 1658. The quatrain ends with the enlightening statement, "Twixt Archdeacon Pratt and John his wife, the meat was eat up clean." James Orchard Halliwell revived the old satire in his "Nursery Rhymes of England," published in 1845.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

THE WORLD'S LARGEST CITY.

It is a Tumbledown Place In Mexico and Is Called Namiquipa.

Namiquipa, in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, has the distinction of being the largest city in the world. Its site covers an area of 444 square miles, or approximately 284,000 acres. Its exact boundaries having been fixed some 300 years ago by a charter from the then king of Spain, who gave the land to some colonists from Castile.

The greater part of the city site, however, is unbuilt upon, and, as regards the built over portion, many of the houses, originally constructed of sun dried brick, are in ruins.

Next to Namiquipa the biggest city of either ancient or modern times was undoubtedly Babylon. Recent excavations have uncovered the old walls, and they are found to have measured fifteen miles each way, inclosing the city in the form of a perfect square. An easy arithmetical calculation shows us that the area of Babylon inside the walls, therefore, was 225 square miles, or 144,000 acres.

Compared with such figures as these Birmingham with 8,420 acres, Norwich with 7,472 acres, and Glasgow with 6,111 acres are almost in the nature of small villages. Yet these are the three biggest British cities—that is to say, they contain within their civic boundaries the biggest area of ground.

The city of London proper contains no more than about 640 acres, approximately one square mile.—London Telegraph.

The Druids.

The druids were evidently of very great antiquity, for there cannot be much doubt that it was one of their customs that Vergil had in mind when he wrote in the "Aeneid," vi, 142, that the "only means of access for a living mortal to the world of spirits was the carrying of a golden twig which grew in a dark and thick grove." The resemblance of the story to the druidical rite is perfect. The druids practiced their rites in dark groves. If a mistletoe was discovered growing upon an oak a priest severed it with a knife, and a festival was held under the tree at which two milk white bulls were offered as a sacrifice. This was a sacrifice to the sun god, and the mistletoe, from its pale greenish yellow tint, was regarded as a kind of vegetable gold and was accordingly looked upon as being a fit offering to the sun.

Birds of a Feather.

Frederick Leveson-Gower in his reminiscences relates that when he visited Moscow in 1858 for the coronation of Alexander II, "opposite our house during the procession was drawn up a regiment called Paulovski, formed by the Emperor Paul, all the men having turned up noses and therefore resembling him. It seems it was the fashion to compose regiments of men all having the same features. The late emperor had recruits sent to him and told them off according to their looks. There is one regiment of men all marked with the smallpox."

Carpet Mills.

The first carpet mill in America was not established until after the close of the Revolution. It was in 1791, at Philadelphia, that carpet making as an industry was born in the United States. Since then, however, this country has become pre-eminent in carpet making.

Generous.

"Some men say," remarked the beautiful heiress, "that I have no heart."

"Oh, that doesn't matter," replied the poor but willing youth. "I'll give you mine."

More Like It.

"Now they say they can weigh the conscience."

"By the ounce?"

"I imagine by the scruples."—Kansas City Journal.

That's the Place.

Church—Your face looks as if it had been cut in several places. Gotham—No, only in one place—my barber's—Yonkers Statesman.

FEATS WITH THE SWORD.

An East Indian Soldier's Wonderful Nerve, Speed and Skill.

East Indian swordsmen are acknowledged to be unrivaled. An extraordinary performer, who was a sergeant in one of the native regiments, is thus spoken of in Coleridge's book, "India and Tiger Hunting." "He was a fine looking fellow, in the prime of life, and, notwithstanding the frightfully critical nature of what he was going to do, he moved about with perfect ease and calmness. In one hand he held a very long double edged sword, sharp at the point and with edges like razors. With the other hand he led his little son, a child aged about six years, who was clearly accustomed to what was about to follow.

"From the little fellow's evident enjoyment of the scene it was plain that failure on the part of his father was quite beyond the limits of his imagination. As soon as the usual preliminaries had been gone through, such as walking round and saluting to the commanding officer and principal guests, the father placed his little boy in the center of a circle, with a small lime (a kind of lemon), about twice the size of a walnut, under his heel.

"Then, taking up his stand at a few feet from the child, he grasped firmly the hilt of the sword and began brandishing it rapidly in the air. The blade was thin and finely tempered, so that it could be seen to quiver and undulate throughout its entire length as it flashed in the rays of the setting sun. Suddenly the muscles of the athlete might be seen to stiffen themselves; an instant's pause, then a sudden and lightning-like swoop, and the lime under the boy's heel was safely severed.

"Then, the boy having taken up his position as before, a small open box, about the size of those we use for tooth powder, was placed on the ground at his feet. It was filled with a black powder called soorma, used by the natives for darkening eyelashes. Round this little box and about the boy's head the sword was now made to play with redoubled velocity. In the midst of the most dazzling passes the weapon would dart toward the little box and then reappear, steadily poised at the full stretch of the performer's arm, in front of the eyes of the child; then a sudden turn of the wrist, and a very dark line of powder was lying on one of the boy's lower eyelashes, placed there by the sharp point of the long sword. The same was then done to the other eye. This feat was performed weekly, always with undeviating success, and was the most wonderful instance of nerve and steadiness ever witnessed."—Pearson's Weekly.

Smoothing Trouble at Sea.
"Once, crossing the Atlantic," said an old traveler, "a tremendous row arose among the sailors. They fought down in the forecastle like a pack of wild beasts. Luncheon was going on at the time, and the first officer left the table to see if he could quell the disturbance.

"He had only been gone a little while when the mighty hubbub began to die down. Everything was quiet when he returned. The captain called across the saloon to him in an approving tone:

"Things seem to be somewhat smoother now."

"Yes," returned the first officer; "we have ironed the sailors, sir."

When Fish Was Scarce.

The scarcity of fish in old times in England made it difficult for the poor to keep Lent. Pepys remarks, "The talk of the town now is whether Lent shall be kept with strictness of the king's proclamation, which is thought cannot be, because of the poor who cannot buy fish." He also says, "Notwithstanding my resolution, yet for want of other victuals I did eat flesh this Lent," and again, "Our dinner was only sugar sops and fish, the only time we have had a Lenten dinner all this Lent."

First Masked Ball.

France is the universal parent of the ball as we understand it today. The first noted affair of this character was given at Amiens in 1385 to celebrate the marriage of Charles VI, to Isabella of Bavaria. In 1715 le bal de l'Opera was organized by the French government to popularize balls, and gradually they entered into the amusement of the general public. The first masked ball was given by the formidable Catherine de' Medici.

Not His Fault.

The judge was passing sentence on a very defiant looking culprit.

"This is a sad case," his honor said. "You, who remained honest until you were forty, have tarnished your name and dishonored your family, all for the sake of three miserable dollars."

"Please be fair," said the prisoner. "Was it my fault there were so few?"—New York Times.

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Local and Personal

J. J. McTague returned Sunday from a short visit to Juneau.

Ladies' visiting cards neatly printed at the Wrangell Sentinel.

For Sale House, household effects and three trolling skiffs. Kate Kuse or L. M. Churchill.

Postmaster J. E. Worden returned Sunday from Petersburg where he went to have some dental work done.

FOR SALE—Four second-hand gas engines. Thoroughly overhauled and in first class condition. Wrangell Machine Shop.

The gas-boat Junior of the Point Warde Packing Company was on the gridiron last Friday and Saturday for minor repairs. She sailed Monday for Cordova via the outside passage.

R. P. Worthington returned on the City of Seattle Sunday from a trip to Juneau.

Two additional members were put on the roll of the Civic Improvement Club at the first meeting of the year last Friday.

J. E. Evans, filer at the Wrangell sawmill who has been outside since November, returned on the Alki yesterday.

Mrs. A. B. Pennycook entertained a few friends at her home last Thursday afternoon. Needlework occupied the time and a few readings by Mrs. C. G. Burnett were greatly enjoyed. The hostess served dainty refreshments to the close of the afternoon.

Al Osborne states that Mrs. Osborne is much improved and has obtained Dr. Dawes' consent to return home from Juneau. She is expected to arrive on the Jefferson.

Local and Personal.

Miss Grace Wigg is confined at home with illness.

E. P. Walker, the fish warden, returned home on the Jefferson from a trip to Juneau.

Mrs. Belle Swift is en route to Wrangell from San Francisco to visit her daughter. Mrs. Jack Bjorge.

For quick, reliable service—Grigwire's barber shop in the Ulmer block.

The monthly social of the A. B. lodge will take place in the Redmen's hall next Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oak Olson of Juneau are in Wrangell, having arrived on the Alki Wednesday.

W. H. Warren, vice president of the Bank of Alaska, will arrive home on the Spokane from a visit to the States.

Ed Grigwire, the new barber in the Ulmer block, is now on the job.

E. A. Oliver has resigned as first engineer on the Uncle Dan. The position is being temporarily filled by Carl Green. Mr. Oliver left this week for Union Bay to enter the employ of N. M. Tate.

Judge Thomas writes from Eugene, Oregon, that he expects to sail from Seattle for Wrangell on February 10. He states that the first month of his vacation was spoiled by both himself and Mrs. Thomas being down with the grippe.

P. C. McCormack returned from Juneau on the City of Seattle. Mrs. McCormack and the baby were doing well, but the storm was so severe that it was decided to postpone their home coming for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Frierson and daughter of Craig took passage on the City of Seattle Sunday for Seattle. Mr. Frierson will return in about three weeks. His family will remain outside till spring.

Mrs. John R. Smith of Sulzer sailed south on the City of Seattle Sunday. She was en route to Oakland where she will visit with relatives for a couple of months. On her return she will be accompanied by her daughter.

For the shave of satisfaction go to Ed Grigwire's shop in the Ulmer Block.

Wrangell Lodge No. 866, Loyalty Order of Moose, has purchased from Melvin Marshal a fifty foot lot on Front Street directly opposite the Salvation Army barracks. The local Moose plan to eventually have a hall of their own, and the purchase of this lot is the first step in that direction.

The schoolboys' basketball game at the gymnasium Monday night was well attended. The boys played a very interesting game, several of them showing surprising accuracy in the matter of shooting baskets. A fair collection was received.

Try the new barber shop in the Ulmer block.

The A. B. hall was packed last night. The attraction was the imitations of A. B. Pennycook and A. W. Crawford. Both candidates were given their money's worth. Following the imitation there was a clam stew and a social good time. Of course Mr. Pennycook was not allowed any rest until he had sung a choice collection of Scotch songs.

Mrs. W. J. Pigg, who went to Petersburg last Saturday to attend the basketball game, returned home on the Jefferson this morning.

The schooner Yakutat from the fishing banks off Baronoff island, came in port Monday with Oscar Peterson, a fisherman, who was suffering from an acute attack caused by gall stones. The patient was turned over to the Wrangell hospital. The Yakutat had 4000 pounds of halibut aboard and was covered with ice.

The Sentinel has received from Washington a copy of the report of the hearings before the Committee on Territories on House Bill No. 19188, introduced by Delegate Wickersham on December 19, to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the Territory of Alaska. Anyone desiring to read the report of the hearings may have the use of the Sentinel's copy. The hearings were held January 10.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Grant returned home on the Princess Sophia Tuesday from a month's visit to San Francisco and other coast cities. While away Mr. Grant sold to the Alaska Sanitary Packing Company the half interest held by himself and Charles Darwell in the fish traps at Vixen Inlet and Union Bay. The Alaska Sanitary Packing Company are now sole owners of these traps.

Nicholas Nussbaumer, secretary of the local Moose lodge, states that James J. Davis, International Director General of the Loyal Order of Moose and a staff of officials, will visit Alaska the coming summer. Deputy Supreme Dictator Ernest Blue, now located at Ketchikan will act as a courier for the party.

A. A. Wycliff, who was recently in the employ of the St. Michael Trading Company in the capacity of tinner, writes that he has arrived at his home in Orange, California, and that the flowers of sunny Cal. were never more beautiful.

They all talk that way when they first go outside, but ere long they wish to again be in the land of the aurora borealis.

Rev. D. H. Hanson, missionary in charge of Alaska for the Seventh Day Adventist denomination, has been in Wrangell for several days looking over the local field. When seen by the Sentinel reporter Mr. Hansen stated that he had made no definite plans for services, but that he would likely send a man here in the summer who would arrange for the holding of regular meetings. Mr. Hansen will leave for Ketchikan on the Jefferson.

When you think of smoking material think of Patenaude's.

St. Philip's Guild met with Mrs. Oscar Carlson Wednesday afternoon. The final report from the bazaar held in December was brought in and it was found that the net proceeds amounted to \$140. The ladies feel highly gratified at this showing. The Guild will meet with Mrs. M. O. Johnson Wednesday Feb. 14.

For Rent—The C. P. Cole boat shop. Rent reasonable to right parties. Also, Four rooms with some furniture, up stairs over boat shop. Inquire at Postoffice.

For Sale—The Gas boat Cora K. and logging tools. A bargain if sold at once, inquire at Wrangell Steam Laun-dry.

NOTICE
The ladies of the parish of the St. Rose Catholic church will give a card party and social for the benefit of the church on Thursday, February 1, at the Redmen's hall, at 8:30 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Admission 50¢; children over ten, 25¢.

St. Philip's Church

The Sunday School Service announced for last Sunday evening at St. Philip's Church was postponed until next Sunday evening. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10:30 A.M.

NOTICE

Owners of watches that were left with Fred S. Johnston for repairs, are requested to call upon Ole Johnson, with whom the watches were left.

Inventory Sale

Bargains in Men's Underwear and Genuine Heavy Mackinaw Coats

Broken sizes cut out to make room for new goods

Heavy Wool Underwear

\$2.50 per garment cut to . . . \$1.75
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WRANGELL CITIZENS RECEIVE NOTICE IN JUNEAU NEWSPAPERS

[Juneau Empire]

J. J. McTague, of Wrangell, is in the city and is registered at the Alaskan. Mr. McTague came north to secure the endorsement of Juneau democrats for his candidacy for the Wrangell postoffice appointment. The term of the present postmaster expires on July 23 of this year.

[Juneau Dispatch]

Peter C. McCormack who arrived in the city from Wrangell on the City of Seattle, will return on the same steamer this morning. Mr. McCormack came to Juneau to visit with Mrs. McCormack and their new son, recently born at the hospital. Mr. McCormack is a member-elect to the House of the Territorial Legislature which will convene in March.

Mrs. McCormack and son will not accompany him, but will leave for Wrangell within a few days.

Anything in the smoking line at Patenaude's.

Judge Goes To Sanitarium

SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—Superior Judge Albertson, who is seriously ill, departed this morning for Rochester, Minn., for prolonged treatment in the sanitarium of Mayo Brothers.

Woman Charged Conspiracy

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Alice Wheeldon and her two daughters and the husband of one of them, Albert George Mason, were charged today with conspiring to murder Lloyd-George and Arthur Henderson.

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DELINQUENT TAX LIST

Wrangell, Alaska,

January 8, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that the following taxes out of the town tax roll of 1916 remained unpaid on Dec. 27th, 1916 and then because delinquent subject to collection with a penalty of 5 per cent additional together with legal interest from date of delinquency until paid.

Baronovitch Joe \$6.50

Bell Geo. 4.50

Berkeley Mrs. E. 3.00

Billy Tahltan 3.50

Cape Fox Tom 1.00

Case T. J. 20.60

Cooney Chas. 3.00

Fletcher Wm. 4.00

George King 40

Jackson Jimmy 1.00

Jack Stikine 3.00

Jackson Ella 12.00

Kinesty Mrs. Tom 2.00

Kelly John 3.00

Knudsen Julia 4.00

Kush Nick 1.50

Lawrence A. H. 27.00

Moore Fred 1.00

Moore Mrs. Harry 1.00

Olson Mrs. Olaf 3.00

Rosenthal Mrs. M. 5.80

Shakes Geo. 4.00

Scott Jim 1.50

Thomas Mary E. 12.00

Ukass (Estate) 2.00

Waring Bruce 4.00

Wigg Marcus 3.00

Wilcox Peter 2.00

Worthington Chester 4.00

Yacook C. (Estate) 5.00

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Glen Matheson

Gertrude Osborn

Nettie Prescott

Margaret McCormack

Wilhelmina Cunningham

Catherine Matheson

Marshal H. J. Wallace left on the Jefferson for Juneau having in custody two prisoners, Rafael Diaz and Pedro Rodriguez. Carl Schumacher went along as a guard.

Interest

Interest at the rate of Four per cent per annum has been credited to all Savings Accounts entitled thereto, up to and including December 30th.

Please bring in your savings pass books to have interest entered.